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## *University Inducts 37 New Members into Academic Organization*

Alpha Chi sponsor and director of Undergraduate Research, Dr. June Hobbs, left, recognized Dr. Pam Dennis, dean of the Gardner-Webb Library, for her commitment to students. Dennis was inducted as an honorary member of the society.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University inducted 37 members into Alpha Chi, a national collegiate honor society, in a ceremony held Nov. 11 in Blanton Auditorium in Hamrick Hall.

Dr. Pam Dennis, dean of Dover Memorial Library, was inducted as an honorary member. When recognizing Dennis, Dr. June Hobbs, Alpha Chi sponsor, noted her commitment to students. “Dr. Dennis has been invaluable in promoting scholarship on campus,” Hobbs shared. “Many of our Alpha Chi members have engaged in undergraduate research on campus, and many have told me how she has gone out of her way to support their projects and inspire them to do more than they ever dreamed. Her patience and investment in our students are unparalleled.”

Alpha Chi promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and honors those who achieve such distinction. Membership is open to students with junior and senior classification who demonstrate strong character and whose GPA ranks them in the top 10 percent of their academic classes. The GWU North Carolina Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi was established in 1972.

Gardner-Webb’s Alpha Chi chapter earns consistent national recognition for its academic achievements, including honors for presentations at the annual Alpha Chi National Convention. Last year’s delegation won a total of \$10,000 in prizes and grants for their research presentations.

The new inductees include:

|          |           |                |   |
|----------|-----------|----------------|---|
| Sarah    | Bragdon   | Anderson, S.C. | nursing (BSN) Spanish minor                         |
| Benjamin | Laspaluto | Apex, N.C.     | mathematics and economics and finance, double major |

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|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| Mary         | Traylor        | Austin, Texas                | nursing  |
| Joy Clarisse | Saavedra       | Charlotte, N.C.              | discipleship studies major, biblical studies minor                     |
| Allison      | Chandler       | Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada | accounting   |
| Bridgette    | Turner         | Clayton, N.C.                | communications major; American Sign Language minor, Spanish minor      |
| Leah         | Jancic         | Cleveland, N.C.              | fine arts  |
| Danielle     | Saine          | Connelly Springs, N.C.       | psychology major, sociology minor                                      |
| Zachary      | Oxendine       | Davie County, N.C.           | accounting   |
| Olivia       | Simmons        | Davie County, N.C.           | biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences                    |
| Lindsay      | Koppel         | Drippings Springs, Texas     | international business Major, Spanish minor                            |
| Charity      | Bennett        | Fishers, Ind.                | nursing major, Spanish minor   |
| Hunter       | Warren         | Gaffney, S.C.                | biology major, chemistry minor   |
| Callie       | Hatley         | Gastonia, N.C.               | accounting major   |
| Emily        | Brannon        | Gastonia, N.C.               | nursing  |
| Madeline     | Bame           | Gastonia, N.C.               | music education with a voice concentration                             |
| Cary         | Pou            | Greenville, NC               | economics/finance  |
| Darby        | Yates          | Hickory, N.C.                | biology major with biomedical sciences concentration, psychology minor |
| Mallory      | Baucom         | Indian Trail, N.C.           | psychology major, discipleship studies minor                           |
| Leydy        | Alvarez Zavala | Kernersville, N.C.           | healthcare management  |
| Allyson      | Harris         | Lawrenceville, Ga.           | nursing (BSN)  |
| Caroline     | Sloan          | Lexington, N.C.              | English major with a concentration in professional writing             |

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| Victoria | Birks      | Loudoun County, Va.    | exercise science pre-professional   |
| Bonnie   | Belcher    | Marshall, N.C.         | nursing   |
| Janice   | Johnston   | Mills River, N.C.      | nursing (BSN)   |
| Courtney | Kanetzke   | Mills River, N.C.      | exercise science pre-professional, Spanish minor                            |
| Taylor   | Hildebrand | Connelly Springs, N.C. | middle grades education mathematics   |
| Abbey    | Smith      | Oxford, N.C.           | exercise science with a health fitness concentration                        |
| Kristen  | Wong       | Richmond Hill, Ga.     | biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences                         |
| Jennifer | Jackson    | Rocky Mount, N.C.      | biology major with biomedical sciences concentration                        |
| Celsea   | Reeder     | Salisbury, N.C.        | biology major with concentration in biomedical sciences, Spanish minor      |
| Bethany  | Leap       | Sarasota, Fla.         | global studies with regional studies concentration, political science minor |
| Sarah    | Schurman   | Shelby, N.C.           | graphic design  |
| Megan    | White      | Shelby, N.C.           | elementary education major, professional education minor                    |
| Jordan   | Vitale     | Tampa, Fla.            | exercise science, health sciences concentration                             |
| Alyse    | Yoney      | Waxhaw, N.C.           | nursing (BSN)   |
| Abigail  | Hackworth  | Winston-Salem, N.C.    | missiology  |

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